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AN HIS PURIC LANDMARK

The Old Nelson House a Fine Colonial Specimen,

THE TRAMP OF MANY FEET

Have Nearly Worn the Stout Floor Through-An Ancient Harpsichord One Part of Nelson-House

Furniture.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) YORKTOWN, VA., May 16 .- One of the principal landmarks of Eastern Virginia and Yorktown, especially, is the old Nel The age of improvement aided by all the deteriorating elements of the march of time, has had very little effect on this noble old mansion, the pa latial home of one of the most famous American patriots that ever trod the free soil of the Old Dominion.

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This patriot was General Thomas Nelson, Jr., the communder of the Continentals—the "ragged Continentals"—at the siege of the famous old town, and whose mame is chiseled in imperishable grantic on the grand-memento that marks the epot where American freedom was born, the magnificent, world-famous Yorktown battle monument.

The corner-stone of this famous old structure was laid in 1712 by the father of the patriot, the future general therefolgs an infant only twelve months old. The building is a plain one, but very substantial and comfortable, built of brick, with corners of hewn stone, massive and as solid as the Constitution of the United States.

much to bring the Revolutionary War to a successful issue, for he provided the "sinews of war," as we term it now, from his own fortune left him by his father, about a quarter of a million dollars. When the continental treasury was empty, the coffers of this heroic American, were opened wide to the American Congress, and large atms of money were advanced to tide over the almost unsurnountable difficulties. To such an extent was this carried that Nelson died a poor man, poor in the filthy lucre of "British gold," but rich in the blessings of absolute freedom, the love of his countrymen and the blessings of an elernal rest.

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In 1824 General Lafayette visited this country and occupied the Nelson house, a great grand fete being extended the noble and much beloved Frenchman at this same old town on the York.

Early in the civil war, before McClellan's advance up the Peninsula, the house was occupied for a time by the Confederate troops, and after the battle of Bethel, June 10. 1861 we are told the wounded Yankees who fell into the hands of the southern troops were cared for here.

here.

It is numbered with the many other interesting spots in this venerable village, as one of the most interesting buildings of them all, and numbers and numbers of tourists gather here every year and view the old place in sacred

HISTORIC OUTING.

The Colonial Dames of the Virginia Chapter generally, as a rule, have some kind of diversion in the line of amusement each year. This year, however, they propose an historical outing. On May 27th they have chartered a train over the Southern road to West Point, where the steamer Brandon will meet them and convey them here. The many and varied points of historical interest them and convey them here. The many and varied points of historical interest will be wisited in the old town, after which an address will be delivered by Mr. R. S. Thomas, of Smithfield, Va., a talented lawyer of that place. A number of the ladies of Norfolk and Williams-burg will be in attendance.

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The principal feature of the day will be
a 'colonial tea.''at which three of General
Thomas Nelson's direct descendants will
serve. This will take place in the old
Nelson dining-room, the present occupant of the house, Mr. John Crulkshank,
having kindly consented to the use of 'the
premises on that day, for the ladies especial delight. Mrs. Charles Washington Coleman, of Williamsburg, has the
matter of arrangements in charge.
May 27th is not the anniversary of any
special or great event, but seems to have
been selected as a matter of convenience,
after consultation with the "weather
man," who promises a masterpiece of
perfection in the line of clear skies and
sunshine on that especial occasion. The
address will probably be delivered from
the steps of the old mansion, but some
of the ladies, are understood to prefer
the delivery at Grace Episcopal Church
instead.

*ANCIENT HARPISCHORD.

stintial and comfortable, built of orick, will corners of hew stone, massive and as solid as the Constitution of the United States.

ENGLISH ARCHITECTURE, The architecture is distinctly English in style, and at first sight seems decidedly disappointing. The interior was handsomely finished, and even now, although nearly two centuries old, shows the magnitude of its appointment for the age in which it was built.

The tramp of human feet has been incessant over the floors of this ancient marisdon, until the heavy heart pine flooring, an inch and a half thick at the beginning, has worn half in two, exposing the dowelgins with which they were laid. It is supposed in the state of preservation, and bids fair to last several centuries. Many and varied legends are connected with, the old place, the ghosts of ancient memories haunt the wide halls, and filting here on there through the vaulted roof and tolding corridors the hobspoblins of Revolutionary anecdote and Tory oppression bring the mind of to-day back to the bleesings of "this great country of ours" with renewed force.

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FISHER'S

Fourteenth Streets.



picked and put on his first fig leaf the Men's Clothing Business was born. The first ready-made garment was a fig leaf. Probably Adam wasn't satisfied with the first leaf and thought he'd try another. He found one that suited him-

Cut, Material, Fit and Quality.

Adam was shrewd, he LOOKED AROUND, and now, Sir, if you are not fully satisfied with the clothing you are wearing, suppose YOU look around-

SUPPOSE YOU LOOK HERE!

Our patrons are always satisfied. Follow Adam's example and look

Test Us by Your Spring Suit.

The Kent, our new coat, is strictly new and up-to-date at

If you want to pay \$15 for a Suit you can't do better.

BIG ASSORTMENT IN CASSIMERES,

CHEVIOTS, WORSTEDS, SERGES AND FLANNELS.

CHANGE YOUR HAT! WEAR STRAWS! STRAWS! STRAWS!

Have you seen the PAN-PAN? The New-shaped Hatsix in one. Can be made in six different \$3.00



OF STEAMERS

Increased Facilities on the Virginia Rivers.

Steamboat Wharf and Canning Factory More Snakes in King George

Westmoreland county, to Cristicia, Md. is now regarded as an assured fact. Steamers on this line will make the round trip every twenty-four hours, making connection with the railroad at Point Lookout, and also with the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad at Crisfield, Md., so that freight will go direct from the Northern Neck of Virginia to the great Northern and Eastern markets. It is said that the same company will also operate daily steamboats between Crisfield, Md., and Urbanna, on the Rappahannock River, to connect with the city of Fredericksburg. This will greatly enhance the business interests all along the Rappahannock Valley from Fredericksburg to the Chesapeake Bay.

These new lines will connect the Eastern and Western Shores-two great sections that have always been separated by the Chesapeake Bay, so that prompt communication and all commercial relations have been impossible.

Some of the best informed business men in Virginia say that these new lines, if successful, will make the Northern Neck one of the finest trucking and fishing sections of the Old Dominion, and will encourage fruit growing and cattle raising an nothing else could do. It cannot be denied that the Northern Neck is peculiarly adapted to fruit growing, cattle raising and trucking, and these five counties would have taken the lead in these enterprises long ago but for the lack of adequate transportation facilities.

Mr. Charles' T. Purks, of Igo, one of King George's hustling business men, who recently purchased the old-time Arnold landing on the Rappahannock, six miles from this village, says that a steamboat wharf and canning factory will be in operation at that place in less than two years. The old Arnold landing, where Mr. Purks proposes to establish these enterprises, is in the heart of one of the most fertile portions of this county, right in the midst of a number of rich Rappahannock Valley plantations, and there is no better place on the river for a steamboat wharf, a canning factory and other similar industries,

GOOD SNAKE YEAR.
Some "knowing" old farmers declare that 1903 will be one of the greatest "snake years since soon after the war," "snake years since soon after the war," and the great numbe rof ugly reptiles seen all along the highways and hodges for several days past go a long way towards confirming the theory of these "old folks." Already more snakes have been seen in some neighborhoods here up to this time than were seen during the entire years of 1001 and 1902. An entirely reliable and highly respected farmer in this neighborhood states that he has already plowed up nine full grown snakes on one hillside in his cornfiel. It is heddly necessary to add in this connection that some choice "snake stories" will soon be going the rounds.

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The country churches—the Methodists and Baptists—are making elaborate preparations for "Children's Day," The country churches—the Methodisis and Baptists—are making elaborate preparations for "Children's Day," which will be observed by many on the second Sunday in June. Nothing but the annual "protracted meetings" are so popular and attract such vast crowds to the rural churches as Children's Day, Nearly every country person, from six weeks' old babes to the grandpapa and grandmas, who have passed the three-quarters-of-a-centry mark, turn out in brand new summer suits on Children's Day to enjoy the interesting exercises and to pay their respects to the toothsome fried chickens which are always in evidence on those occasions.

An epidemic of measies in many paris of King George and neighboring counties has been the doctors busy day and night for nearly two weeks past. The diesase is following closely on the heels of a whooping cough epidemic, and is of a malignant form. In some instances as many as seven members of a family are ill with measles.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Andrew Burchell, of Osso, near here, is putting material in place to erect a house upon the site of his residence, which was destroyed by fire about two weeks ago.

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A private letter states that Mrs. Virginia B. Greenlaw, a prominent lady of Stafford, is critically ill at Hollywood, her home in that county, and that there is but little hope of her recovery. Her son, Dr. G. T. Greenlaw, of Washington, D. C., has been called to her bedside.

The condition of Mr. Anthony Miffeton, of this county, who was stricken with paralysis some days ago, is not at all improved and it is feared that his old age makes recovery from such an illness next to impossible.

Mr. Miffleton is one of the eldest white chilgens of King George and has always been regarded as a man of the strictest integrity and the very soul of honor.

Mr. W. H. H. Cawood, who has been spending a few days in Washington, D. C. has returned to his home in this county.

It has been announced that Rey, Lewis



QUICK MOTION OF TRUCK

to Be Built at Arnold's Landing. than Since the War,

COMORN, VA., May 16.—The people of the Northern Neck are very enthusiastic over the prospect of greatly improved and increased transportation facilities on

the Northern Neck are very enthusiastic over the prospect of greatly improved and increased transportation facilities on the Potomae and Rappahannock Rivers. The steamboats to be operated on these now lines will be practically owned and controlled by the shippers and business men in the several counties lying along the rivers, so that there will be nothing to fear in the way of monopolistic schedules and extortionous rates.

The new line on the Potomac will establish connection at or near Widewater for all important points south, and at Pope's Creek, on the Maryland side, for the north. This arrangement will not only "shorten time" at least twenty-four hours, but it will put the people in touch with the northern markets, so that fruit, truck and other perishable freight can be handled to greater advantage than ever before.

Buch dally transportation facilities and direct connection with the large markets of the United States will make a number of new industries possible in the Northern Neck, and at the same time greatly enhance the value of lands adjacent to the Potomac River.

It is stated on what is considered excellent authority that this new line will be put in operation about the middle of June—in time to handle the present season's fruit and truck.

ACROSS THE BAY.

The proposed new line from Kinsale, in Westmoreland county, to Cristied, Ma, is now regarded as an assured fact. Steamers on this line will make the round trip every twenty-four hours, making connection with the railroad at Point Look-

for the summer season offered you at our store this week.
CHINA and JAPAN MATTINGS, which make your home clean, cool and comfortable during hot weather.
Many people who are cleaning house to-day are putting Mattings on the floor. Not a day too early to do so, either. elther.

Fresh designs, fresh colorings in Mattings from 7½c, a yard to 40c. Carpet and rug patterns for dinning-room, hall and chambers.

15c for Narrow Weave, Heavy Mattings.

Rockers and Fancy Chairs The largest line of Parlor Chairs and Rockers shown in the city. \$1.48 for Handsome Mahogany Finish Saddle-Seat Rock-er; cost you elsewhere \$3.

In Floor Coverings

20c for Extra Heavy Fancy Weaves and Checks.

Sideboards. \$21.75 for Large Swell-Front Golden Oak Sideboard, with large beveled-edge mirror, prettily carved and finished.

\$15.50 for Finely Finished Swell-actual value, \$22.

\$9.75 for Golden Oak Sideboard; beveled plate mifrir.

Largest assortment of Gas, Gaso-line and Oll Stoves in the city.

\$6.75 for 3-burner Blue Flame

\$1.50 for Large Russia Iron Oven.

\$12.50 for Beautiful Full Nick-

\$2.95 for Dangler Gasoline Stove.

\$2.98 for Quartered Polished Rocker; cost you elsewhere

\$3.50 for Very Handsome, High-ly Polished Rocker; cost

China Closets.

\$24.50 for Pretty Round-End China Closet; worth \$30. \$27.50 for Very Handsome Oval



WHY OUR CREDIT POLICY IS HEALTHY

We struggled hard the first months of our existence. All sales—little cash and lots of assets on the books. 'But it's different nowadays—it's better than a strictly cash business.

That's really the true secret of our pledge to sell as closely as we do-offer the liberal credit privi-

leges we do and not charge a penny advance over what you pay us in actual spot cash.

We clothe your home from kitchen to the roof, and do not charge a penny advance over what you pay us in actual spot cash.

We clothe your home from kitchen to the roof, and arrange easy terms of settlement for you.

Every day so many hundred accounts are paid; this gives us a guaranteed result, rain or shine.

Store that saves you money



\$45.50 for large massive Parlor Suite, highly polished frame, covered in heavy imported Verona; cost anywhere, \$55. \$15.95 for large 5-piece Tapestry-covered Suite, nicely carved; actual

for 3-piece Suite, tapestry covered; actual value, \$12. \$12.95 for very handsome Silk Damask-covered 3-piece Suite; actual

Go=Carts.



sortment of Go-Carts, in every style

auto-gear. \$4.95 for Good Reclining Go-\$9.50 for Handsome Roll Effect, Auto-Gear, improved re-

\$14.75 for one of the prettlest Go-Carts ever shown for less than \$20.

Porch and Lawn Goods.

69c for Solfd Oak Porch Rocker. \$1.25 for Solid Oak Large Arm Porch Rocker.

\$1.48 for Extra Large Size



The largest assortment of the bes Hardwood Refrigerators and Ice-Box-es in the city, and the lowest prices. \$5.50 for Good Hardwood Re-

\$7.59 for a Finely Finished Hardwood Refrigerator. \$3.95 for a Hardwood Ice-Box, dry air; cleanable and eco-

Bedroom Furniture.

More styles of Bedssom Suites than are found in three stores-oak, birch, mahogany and bird's-eye maple \$52.50 for Handsome Mahog-swelled-front dressing case; actual

\$37.50 for Large Heavy Oak Suite, with fine French plate mirror; cheap for \$50.

\$24.50 for Pretty Oak Suite, case, with large mirror; cost elsewhere \$30.

Every Man, Woman or child who sleeps on a Mattress

mough for them to insure our getting CLEAN and the BEST Mattresses

You may buy a common Cotton-Top Mattress, a Felt or Hair Mattress, as you wish. You'll find them of a

Note our special Mattress offers of this week:

\$7.50 for 47-pound Satine Tick, \$10.00 for Very Fine Felt-Cotton Mattress.

\$15.00 for the Pinest Felt-Cotton Mattress that can be

\$5.00 up for Hair Mattresses

Metal Beds.

\$1.95 for White Enameled Bed; worth \$3.50. \$2.95 for Pretty Continuous Post Bed; worth \$4.50.

\$6.75 for Very Heavy Colored Enameled Bed; worth \$10.

Extension Tables.

\$22.50 for Handsome Quartered Pedestal Bytension Table; cost elsewhere

\$3.95 for a Solid Oak Extension

\$5.95 for Pretty Cluster Base Oak Extension Table.

CREDIT AND EASY PAYMENTS.

Pettit & Company, Mayer & Pettit,

Corner Foushee and Broad Streets.

COLLEGE near here. Mr. Frank Taylor and several other prominent Rappahannock farmers shipped a vessel of corn to Baltimore this **EXERCISES**

ped a vessel of corn to Baltimore this week.

Mrs. Nannie Minor and Mrs. Gertrude Parmer, of this nelshborhood, are visit-ing relatives in Middlesex county.

Mr. R. V. Turner, Port Conway's lead-ing business man, is sick in Baltimore, His many King George friends wish for him a speedy recovery and return to his home. The Oldest School West of the

him a speedy recovery and return to his home.

Rev. J. T. Whitiev, presiding elder of Rappahannock District of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopai Church, spent several days here this week after conducting quarterly conference at Grace Church, of the King George circuit, last Saturday and Sunday. This was Mr. Whitley's first official visit to this county, and the people here were very much pleased with him. Alleghanies. (By Associated Press.) DRISTOL, VA., May 16.—The com-mencement exercises at Sullins' College began this week. They will conclude with the class day exercises on Monday forenoon. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached to-morrow by Dr. R. G. Water-GREAT RECITAL

couse, president of Emory and Henry

Kinsey, of Radford, Va., will be cele-brated in the First Presbyterian Church or, next Wednesday. It will be a beauti-ful and brilliant affair. Many invitations have been sent out, and it is anticipated that the church will be thronged with

that the church will be thronged with guests.

Judge H. Tyler Campbell, of Bristol, Tenn., has received his appointment as assistant to Attorney-General Knex. and has been assigned to duty in southern territory. His first work was at Jackson-ville, Fla., this week. Judge Campbell is the Republican who opposed the present governor, Hon. J. B. Frazier, for that office in the race last fall.

Mrs. W. J. Thomas and children, after spending the winter with Mrs. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hamilton, have returned to Atlanta, Ga., where they will reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Fox, after spending the winter with their daughter, Mrs. W. P. Maness, have returned to Pulaski City.

Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Haymore, of Mount Alry, N. C., who formerly resided in Bristol, stopped off here en route home from points South, and visited Bristol friends.

Miss Ida McGoldrick, a popular Bristol young lady, has gone to Buffalo, N. Y.; to prepare herself for the duties of a trained nurse.

GOOD MUSIC.

C. has returned to his home in this country.

It has been announced that Rev. Lewis Jones, a prominent Baptist minister of Charles county, Md., will preach in Potomac Baptist Church, near here on Sunday, the 24th instant, one week from to morrow.

Rev. and Mrs. John R. Thomas have returned to their home at Colonial Beach, arter spending about a week with their daughter, in Maryland.

Captain J. T. Emmernizer, of Baltimore, Mohas been on King George for a week or so past, left Friday, for Sayannah, Ga.

Mrs. S. A. Rateliffe, who has been on a visit to the National capital city for the serious of the National capital city for the company and T. M. C. A.

Prof. Kahn to Give One for the Benefi Other Home, College, Dear Jonesboro, Tenn., this week, This is the data historic Washington College, Dear Jonesboro, Tenn., this week This is the foliest institution of its kind west of the Alleghaney Mountain, and celebrated the May 21st at the Y. M. C. A. Hall by Professor Kahn is an accompilished at historic Washington College, Dear Jonesboro, Tenn., this week, This is the diet historic Washington College, Dear Jonesboro, Tenn., this week of the at historic Washington College, Dear Jonesboro, Tenn., this week This is the diet historic Washington College, Dear Jonesboro, Tenn., this week of the at historic Washington College, Dear Jonesboro, Tenn., this week of the at historic Washington College, Dear Jonesboro, Tenn., this week of the at historic Washington College, Dear Jonesboro, Tenn., this week of the Alleghaney Mountain, and celebrated the Alleghaney Mountain, and celebrated the May 21st at the Y. M. C. A. Hall by Professor Kahn is an accomplished of the Ladies' Auxillary of the Masonic Home, Professor Kahn is an accomplished of the Ladies' Auxillary of the Sunday. The exercises by the graduating class were held at historic Washington College, Dear Jonesboro, Tenn., this week and set leader the masonic at the college, Dear Jonesboro, Tenn., this week and set leader the professor of the Masonic Home, Professor Kahn is

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hobson, of Virginia Street, was married to Mr. Thurman Smith, a popular Bristol young man, at the home of her parents on Tuesday evening. Dr. W.S. Neighbors was the officiating minister. The home was elaborately decorated for the occasion, the color scheme having been white and green. The couple stood under a large floral arch, from which was suspended a wedding bell of white roses. The bride was attired in white organdy and carried a bouquet of bride's roses, Miss Ruby Hobson, the brides' younger sister, was maid of honor, while the grooms' best may was Mr. Frank Hayes. The bridal music was furnished by Miss Lottle Hobson, a cousin of the bride.

B. P O. E.

Dedication National Home, Bedford, Va.,

May 21st.

For the above occasion the Norfolk and
Western Railway will sell tickets at one
fare for the round trip. On sale May
19th, 20th, 21st, good for return passage
until May 23d, A special train will leave
Richmond at 11:30 P. M., May 20th,
with Pullman sleepers for Bedford. For
reservation, apply at once to Jno, P. Wagner, city passenger agent, No. 838 East
Main Street.

C. H. BOSLEY, C. H. BOSLEY,

District Passenger Agent,

Bears the Bignature Charff Flutchers